

Welcome to the Homeless Liaison list. This listserv is a communication between the SD-DOE State Homeless Coordinator and the school districts' liaisons. Periodically, you will be receiving a short newsletter pertaining to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. If you have questions or comments, please direct them to Laura.Johnson-Frame@state.sd.us. Where it is appropriate, your questions and comments will be shared with all liaisons across South Dakota.

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Web-based Professional Development Project: Recruiting local teams of educational leaders/teachers and community members to explore practices that improve academic achievement for highly mobile/homeless students

The sponsor of the project, the **National Center for School Engagement** (NCSE), is currently recruiting teams across the nation for the third year of Web-based Professional Development (WBPD) which begins in August 2006.

What is Web-Based Professional Development (WBPD)? The WBPD project is an on-line educational forum uniting teams of three members around a school/community impacted by issues of homeless and highly mobile students. These teams consist of a school administrator, a teacher and a community member. Together they work within the web-based national network to study and build new educational practices geared toward achieving positive student level outcomes for these students. During the 2005-2006 school year, a cohort of twelve communities from four states are accessing modules of learning and community forums through the NCSE web environment

Benefits: At the successful completion of individual projects, each participant will be compensated \$1,000 and have the opportunity to earn graduate credit from Adams State College for the cost of \$45 a credit.

How do I sign-up for this special opportunity? If you are interested in participating in the WBPD project, please contact the National Center for School Engagement by **May 31, 2006** to request an application. Contact information: info@schoolengagement.org or call 1-888-272-0454, ext. 105.

What do participants say about the WBPD project?

"I will never be the same after this study. I considered my knowledge base on the homeless or highly mobile student to be adequate. It was not. This project forced me to examine their lives from the inside out and determine if the appropriate infrastructures were in place to support their needs. They are not, but they are improving."

- Current WBPD participant who is a middle school principal

Need more information, call or write. Thanks

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